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# ***U. S. Urges the Iranians To Obey Court Decision***

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**WASHINGTON, May 24 —** The State Department said today that the decision by the International Court of Justice ordering Iran to release the American hostages and pay compensation to the United States was binding on Iran, and it called on the Teheran Government to carry out its provisions.

A formal statement said the United States was "deeply gratified" by the decision.

"The Court's judgment confirms that such conduct is inadmissible in a civilized international order and cannot be excused or justified by past grievances, whether real or imagined," the statement said.

State Department officials indicated privately, however, that they had little reason to expect compliance in light of Teheran's rejection of the Court's jurisdiction.

The United Nations Charter says that each member "undertakes to comply with the decisions" of the Court in any case to which it is a party and says that if it fails to do so, the other party "may have recourse to the Security Council."

In practice, nations have been bound by decisions of the Court only when they agreed in advance to carry out the verdict. The United States reserves the right to decide when the World Court has jurisdiction in a case involving the United States.

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